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On 15 June CH'OE Yong-kon (1508/6978/0256), the North Korean Minister of Defense, held the following views on the Korean military situation:

- 25X1 a. According to information received through North Korean intelligence agents in Japan, the United States plans eventually to use Japanese and Chinese Nationalist troops in the Korean war. This action would mean a large-scale war with the Chinese Communists.
- b. The North Korean and Chinese Communist armies could push down to the Kum River (126-33, 35-59) (EQ-7984)² if they desired. However, the North Koreans fear that this would give the United States an excuse to throw Japanese and Chinese Nationalist troops into the Korean war. CHIANG Kai-shek has insufficient strength to take part in the Korean war but would not permit the Japanese to fight in Korea without Nationalist troops also participating.
- c. The North Korean government wants to take the Korean problem to the international conference level.

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